REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8-11 and leaves claims 2, 5 and 7 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-11.

Claims 1-3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Fiore (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0191952); claim 7 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiore; and claims 4, 5 and 8-11 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fiore in view of Berezowski (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0016971). These rejections are traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that the features of the present invention as now recited in claims 1-11 are not taught or suggested by Fiore or Berezowski whether taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

Amendments were made to the claims to more clearly describe features of the present invention as recited in the claims. Particularly, amendments were made to the claims to recite that the present invention is directed to a method of storing image data and a system corresponding to the method for storing image data.

According to the present invention the method includes obtaining image data from an image pick-up unit, recording the image data in a first recording apparatus, retrieving the image data recorded in the first recording apparatus in accordance with a predetermined retrieval condition and

displaying the retrieved image data as a list information relating to the retrieved image data on a display.

Further, according to the present invention the method includes selecting predetermined information from the list of information, reading image data related to the selected predetermined information from the first recording apparatus and recording the read out image data related to the selected predetermined information in a second recording apparatus.

Still further, according to the present invention the read out image data is image data specified by the selecting as specified image data to be preserved over a long period of time.

Still further yet, according to the present invention when a total amount of all specified image data to be preserved over a long period of time in the second recording apparatus exceeds an unoccupied portion of the second recording apparatus, an indication of such is provided on the display.

Thus, present invention provides features that from among the data of images, data of images that are desired to be preserved over a long time can be re-recorded in a long-term storage type recording apparatus, that by using a removable media for re-recording, preservation of data of images is made easy, that by storing, in combination with data of images to be reproduced, reproduction software in the removable medium, it becomes possible to reproduce the images over a long time without being affected by the version or upgrading of the reproduction software, and that when the total amount of all image data specified to be preserved in the removable medium 109 exceeds an unoccupied amount of the removable medium 109, the estimated

total display column 910 is displayed with a louder or more noticeable color as an indication of such.

The above described features of the present invention now more clearly recited in the claims are described, for example, on page 38, lines 12-20 and illustrated in Fig. 9 of the present application.

The above described features of the present invention now more clearly recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by any of the references whether said references are taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner. Particularly, the above described features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by Fiore or Berezowski whether said references are taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner.

Fiore teaches a data recording and playback system and method having a memory device that is adapted to receive and temporarily store input signal data as data frames with time stamps. Fiore teaches that the memory device that the memory device has addresses associated thereto and a circular storage buffer has a memory map file with the same address space as the memory device for storing the input signal data. According to Fiore, an event controller provides an event signal associated to the time of an event and an event processor is provided for copying to the memory device a plurality of storage frames stored in the circular storage buffer having time stamps approximate to the time of the event.

Fiore teaches, for example, in Fig. 9 that a file format table has a structure including information regarding the size of the file. In Fiore the data

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frames are implemented as various size frames of data with fixed size headers.

However, at no point is there any teaching or suggestion in Fiore that the amount of image data specified as being data to be stored over a long period of time is measured, and that if the amount of said specified image data exceeds the unoccupied portion of the memory apparatus, then an indication of such is provided on a display as in the present invention. This feature of the present invention is important so that the operator can immediately know when image data to be stored over a long period of time exceeds the amount space available on the recording apparatus. Such features are clearly not taught or suggested by Fiore.

Thus, Fiore fails to teach or suggest selecting predetermined information from the list of information, reading image data related to the selected predetermined information from the first recording apparatus and recording the readout image data related to the selected predetermined information in a second recording apparatus, wherein the readout image data is image data specified by the selecting as specified image data to be preserved over a long period of time as recited in the claims.

Further, Fiore fails to teach or suggest that when a total amount of all specified image to be preserved over a long period of time in the second recording apparatus exceeds an unoccupied portion of the second recording apparatus, an indication of such is provided on the display as recited in the claims.

Therefore, Fiore fails to teach or suggest the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in the claims and as such does not

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anticipate nor render obvious the claimed invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC §102(e) rejection of claims 1-3 and 6 as being anticipated by Fiore and reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC §103(a) rejection of claim 7 as being unpatentable over Fiore are respectfully requested.

The above described deficiencies of Fiore are not supplied by any of the other references of record. Particularly, the above described deficiencies of Fiore are not supplied by Berezowski.

Berezowski is merely relied upon by the Examiner for an alleged teaching of a storing method of image data wherein a plurality of image pick-up devices are used to capture data that the image data obtained from the image pick-up devices is added with an identifier for identifying the image pick-up devices. However, these teaching of Berezowski do not supply the above described deficiencies of Fiore. Particularly, at no point is there any teaching or suggestion in Berezowski that the amount of specified image data to be preserved over a long period of time in the second recording apparatus is monitored so that when the total amount of the specified image data exceeds an unoccupied portion of the second recording apparatus, an indication that such has occurred is provided on a display as in the present invention as recited in the claims.

Thus, Berezowski, the same as Fiore fails to teach or suggest selecting predetermined information from a list of information, reading image data related to the selected predetermined information from the first recording apparatus and recording the readout image data related to the selected predetermined information in a second recording apparatus, wherein the

readout image data is image data specified by the selecting as specified image data to be preserved over a long period of time as recited in the claims.

Further, Berezowski, the same as Fiore fails to teach or suggest that when a total amount of all specified image to be preserved over a long period of time in the second recording apparatus exceeds an unoccupied portion of the second recording apparatus, an indication of such is provided on the display as recited in the claims.

Therefore, Berezowski, the same as Fiore, fails to teach or suggest the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in the claims and as such combining the teachings of Fiore and Berezowski in the manner suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action does not render obvious the claimed invention. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC §103(a) rejection of claims 4, 5 and 8-11 as being unpatentable over Fiore in view of Berezowski is respectfully requested.
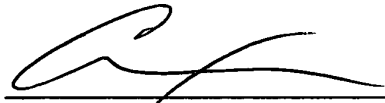
The remaining references of record have been studied. Applicants submit that they do not supply any of the deficiencies noted above with respect to the references utilized in the rejection of claims 1-11.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on claims 1-11 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.43244X00).

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